

In the Claims

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A stabilized capsule, comprising:

tibolone, in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% by weight of the capsule, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising lactose in an amount at least 47% to 90% by weight of the carrier.

14. (New) The capsule according to claim 13, further comprising a starch content in the carrier of at least 10% to 50% by weight of the carrier.

15. (New) The capsule according to claim 14, wherein the starch product is selected from the group consisting of Starch 1500, potato starch, corn starch, wheat starch, and mixtures thereof, the group including modified starches, agglomerated starches, and granulated starches.

16. (New) The capsule according to claim 13, comprising up to 5% by weight of a stabilizer selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, chelating agents, and mixtures thereof.

17. (New) The capsule according to claim 16, wherein the

stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of ascorbyl palmitate, ascorbyl stearate, sodium ascorbate, and mixtures thereof.

18. (New) A method of making a capsule according to claim 13, the method comprising the steps of providing a carrier of the desired composition, mixing tibolone with a portion of the eventually needed amount of carrier to obtain a pre-mix, screening the pre-mix, further mixing it with the remaining portion of the carrier, and admixing with lubricant.

19. (New) A method of increasing the stability of tibolone containing capsule, comprising:

mixing from 0.1 to 10% of tibolone with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprising lactose in an amount at least 47% to 90% by weight of the carrier.